



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5771

LCO No. 2371

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING TICKET SCALPING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53-289c of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (a) No person shall resell, offer to resell or solicit the resale of a
5 ticket to an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a
6 sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or operatic performance, on the
7 day of such event, within one thousand five hundred feet of the
8 physical structure where such event is scheduled to take place, if such
9 resale is not authorized, in writing, by the owner or operator of such
10 structure or event or a duly authorized agent of such owner or
11 operator.

12 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a
13 ticket reseller who: (1) Resells a ticket for not greater than the face
14 value printed on the ticket; or (2) maintains a permanent office within
15 one thousand five hundred feet of the physical structure where the
16 entertainment event is scheduled to take place provided such reseller

17 sells, offers to resell or solicits the resale of a ticket only within the
18 premises of such office in person, by mail, telephone or over the
19 Internet.

20 (c) Except for a sale in conformance with the provision of subsection
21 (a) of this section, no person shall resell, offer to resell or solicit the
22 resale of a ticket to an entertainment event, including, but not limited
23 to, a sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or operatic performance,
24 for an amount exceeding the face value printed on the ticket plus fifty
25 per cent of such face value. Such amount shall include any service or
26 delivery fee, but shall not include any reasonable postage.

27 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) A violation of subsection (a) or (c) of this section is a class A
28 misdemeanor.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) No owner, operator of a
30 facility holding an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a
31 sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or operatic performance and no
32 promoter of such entertainment event, or their agent, shall make
33 available for sale to the general public tickets in an amount less than
34 seventy-five per cent of the seating capacity of that facility for such
35 entertainment event.

36 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed an
37 unfair or deceptive practice under subsection (b) of section 42-110a of
38 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	53-289c
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the amount a ticket reseller can charge to fifty per cent more than the face value of a ticket and to require entertainment promoters and entertainment venues to offer tickets to the general public for at least seventy-five per cent of the seating capacity of the venue.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]